

**CLAIMS**

- 4                   (b) compacting the body of the swimsuit into a small space;
- 5                   (c) storing the compacted body of the swimsuit using at least one storage
- 6                   compartment on the body of the swimsuit; and
- 7                   (d) using a loop at least partially encircling the human body for supporting the
- 8                   swimsuit on the human body.

1         6. The method of claim 5 wherein the storing of the compacted body of the swimsuit  
2                   using the at least one storage compartment is performed through an opening at an  
3                   end of the at least one storage compartment.

1         7. The method of claim 5 wherein the at least one storage compartment comprises  
2                   two storage compartments.

1         8. A method of making a collapsible swimsuit comprising:

2                   (a) separating a swimsuit body at at least one position;

3                   (b) attaching a piece of material to said body of the swimsuit and defining a  
4                   storage compartment therebetween;

5                   (c) attaching at least one fastening device to the swimsuit at the at least one  
6                   separation position; and

7                   (d) attaching a loop capable of at least partially enclosing a human waist to the  
8                   swimsuit.

1        11.     A swimsuit comprising:

(a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;

3                   (b) a body having a front end and a rear end, the front end having a width  
4                   greater than the rear end;

(c) a fastener for detachably coupling the rear end of the body to said loop;

6 and

7                   (d) a storage compartment on the front of the swimsuit for compactly stowing  
8                   the body

9 wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said  
0 fastener is attached, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.

1       13. The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting  
2                   of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.

